GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prohibition and Excise Department - Liquor tragedy occurred in Kandukuru (M), Maheswaram, R.R. District during 8.1.2009 to 15.1.2009 - Disciplinary proceedings against Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector, Maheshwaram, R.R. District - Charges - Imposition of penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1178

Dated: 24.08.2010

Read the following:-

- 1. From the C.PE, Letter Cr. No. 1/2009/C.PE/Sr.I, Dated 5.3.2009.
- 2. G.O.Ms.No.955, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:9.9.2009.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.1336, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:9.9.2009.
- 4. From Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector, written statement of defence dt:1.10.2009.
- 5. From the C.PE, Hyd. Letter Cr. No.1/2009/ C.PE/SR.I, Dated 19.6.2010.

ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that (4) deaths occurred in Kandukuru (M) Maheshwaram Excise Jurisdiction, Ranga Reddy District during the month of January, 2009 and 80 persons were reported to have been hospitalized in the tragic incident. Government, after considering the report and the seriousness involved in the matter, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the responsible P&E personnel for their gross negligence in conducting checks and detecting the illegal sale of adulterated toddy under rule 24 of A.PC.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 2nd read above. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, the following charge was framed against Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector with a direction to submit her written statement of defence:

Charge: that the said Smt.Jilani Begum, Prohibition & Excise Sub-Inspector, S.H.O, Maheshwaram has exhibited gross negligence in conducting proper checks and failed to detect illegal sale of adulterated toddy in her jurisdiction, which led to death of (4) persons and hospitalization of (80) persons at toddy shop, Jaithwaram and other villages of Kandukur Mandal on 7.1.2009. Thus she has exhibited gross negligence towards legitimate duties.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector has submitted her written statement of defence and she has stated that she is working in P&E Station, Maheshwaram since 24.8.2007 and she has further stated that prior to 17.7.2008 she had conducted inspections in the jurisdiction of Kandukuru and booked cases. She has further stated that as per the SHO, Maheshwaram in Procs. dt:17.7.2008, later, she was allotted to Maheshwaram and the Kandukuru jurisdiction was allotted to another P&E Sub-Inspector. She has stated that the deaths occurred in Kandukuru do not pertain to her jurisdiction and she has requested the Government to drop the charge against her.

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- 3. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner, Proh. & Excise, Hyderabad has submitted a report on the written statement of defence of individual along with his remarks.
- Government have examined the matter and observed that it is not a case if loss of revenue to recoup but it is a loss of human life. In this tragic incident, 4 persons lost their lives and 80 persons were reported to be hospitalized. As per the material available, Government further observed that the main accused Sri N. Yadaiah in his deposition dated 3.2.2008 recorded after the incident, has also admitted that he has established an illegal toddy depot in Kandukur. Government also examined the contention of Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector that she is not the concerned P&E Sub-Inspector, Kandukuru and it has been observed that Sri Mohd. Essa Hussain, P&E Sub-Inspector (co-accused & involved in the same case) in his written statement of defence dated 1.10.2009 submitted before the Government that he was not given any complete charge of the jurisdiction of Kandukuru and he has stated that as per the instructions of S.H.O, Maheshwaram he conducted raids in Kandukuru and also in Maheshwaram and booked cases. Thus both the Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspectors are responsible for the incident and her contention that the jurisdiction of Kandukur was not pertaining to her is not tenable.
- 5. Government, after careful examination of the matter and also the reasons mentioned at para 4 above, have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector.
- 6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector, P&E Station, Maheshwaram, R.R. District under clause (iv) of rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 7. The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. Jilani Begum, P&E Sub-Inspector

through the Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad

The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad.

(He is requested to serve the same on the individual and return the acknowledgment copy)

Copy to:

PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Revenue (Excise I) Department.

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